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1. FEBRUARY 25 EVENING EDITIONS AND FEBRUARY 26 MORNING EDITIONS OF MAJOR JAPANESE LANGUAGE DAILIES CARRIED ACCOUNTS OF NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE ON SUPPLIER ARRANGEMENTS AND IKLE TESTIMONY. INTERWEAVING OF ACTUAL TESTIMONY AND U.S. PRESS SPECULATION LEFT IT UNCLEAR FROM READING JAPANESE ACCOUNTS AS TO EXACTLY WHAT IKLE DID OR DID NOT SAY. (FYI: EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED DEPT. GUIDANCE FOR RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS ON THIS SUBJECT.) FOREIGN MINISTRY ACCORDINGLY HAS HELD PRESS BRIEFING AND HAS BEEN BRIEFING INDIVIDUALLY EACH MEMBER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE IN DIET. ALL PAPERS CARRIED FOREIGN MINISTRY DENIAL THAT AN AGREEMENT (KYOTEI) HAD BEEN CONCLUDED, IN ADDITION TO OUTLINING GIST OF TIMES ARTICLE. OTSUKA (MOFA) OF OPINION THAT POTENTIAL PRESS SPECULATION HERE HAS BEEN NIPPED IN BUD BY MOFA BRIEFING AND THAT NO
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SERIOUS DAMAGE WILL RESULT.

2. FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS DENIED THAT A SECRET AGREEMENT WAS CONCLUDED BUT HAS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT JAPAN TOOK PART IN SECRET TALKS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES ON QUOTE ARRANGEMENTS FOR NOTIFYING EACH OTHER ON NUCLEAR EXPORT STANDARDS UNQUOTE. (NOTE: NIHON KEIZAI SHIMBUN CITES MOFA AS SOURCE IN NAME SAME SEVEN COUNTRIES WHICH APPEARED IN TIMES ARTICLE. EMBASSY'S VIEW IS THAT THIS IS A BIT OF EDITORIALIZING ON PART OF PRESS, SINCE MOFA HAS CONSISTENTLY OPPOSED NAMING PARTIES INVOLVED.) EXISTENCE OF TALKS WERE SAID TO HAVE BEEN KEPT SECRET BECAUSE OF DESIRE BY CERTAIN COUNTRIES FOR DOING SO, AND BECAUSE IT WAS THOUGHT THIS WAS WISE POLICY FROM STANDPOINT OF PREVENTING NUCLEAR HIJACKING. GOJ PARTICIPATION IN TALKS WAS JUSTIFIED ON BASIS OF FINAL DECLARATION AT NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE, AND JAPAN WAS SAID SIMPLY TO HAVE REPORTED TO OTHER PARTIES (UNNAMED BUT IDENTIFIED AS ADVANCED NATIONS WHICH HAVE THE CAPABILITY OF EXPORTING NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY) ITS OWN EXPORT POLICY STANDARDS.

3. NO EVIDENCE FROM SCICOUNS TALKS WITH OTSUKA ON FEBRUARY 26 THAT GOJ IS UNDULY CONCERNED WITH JAPANESE PRESS SPECULATION. FURTHERMORE, GOOD FAITH OF US SIDE IN ABIDING BY PRESS GUIDELINES WAS NOT QUESTIONED. PRESS HAS CONCLUDED THAT SOME SORT OF AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON NOTIFICATION BY THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES EVEN IF IT WAS UNOFFICIAL. HOWEVER, MOFA PROCEEDING ACCORDING TO PLAN NOTED REFTEL A.

4. FEBRUARY 27 MORNING EDITIONS OF JAPANESE LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS MAKE NO FURTHER MENTION OF SUBJECT, BUT ENGLISH MAINICHI REPORTED THAT IT WAS THOUGHT THAT FRANCE WAS THE COUNTRY WHICH INSISTED ON SECRECY.
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